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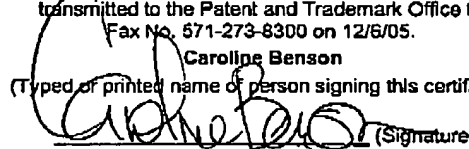
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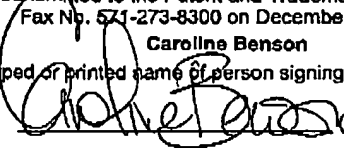
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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

The FINAL Office Action of October 6, 2005 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of this application in view of the remarks below is respectfully requested. Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. Of these, claims 1, 11, and 12 are independent claims.

1. Response to Rejection Under 35 USC 103

Similar to the Office Action of April 20, 2005: the Office Action of October 6, 2005, on pages 2-13, rejects claims 1-6, 8-17, and 19-22 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carleton et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,781,727 (hereinafter referred to as "Carleton") in view of Tran, U.S. Patent No. 6,054,994 and further in view